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TO : Assistant Director, SI DATE: 3 July 1953

FROM : Chief, Physics & Electronics Division, SI

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

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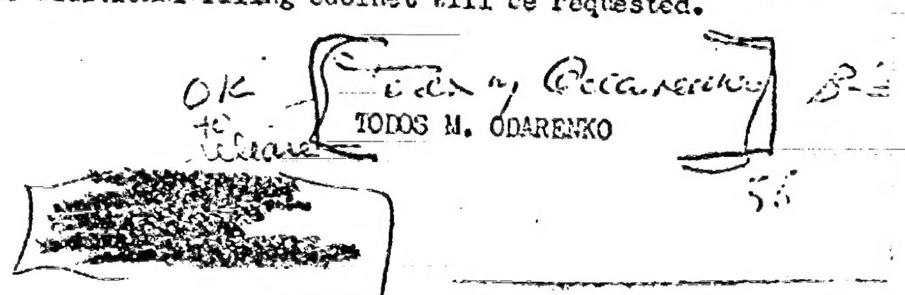
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